

Suicide Deaths, 2015

Suicide remains a substantial and persistent public health issue in the United States (US). In 2015, suicide was the 10th leading cause of death in the US among all ages. In both the US and Texas, suicide was the second leading cause of death for individuals between the ages of 10-34 years. This fact sheet presents statistics describing the burden of suicide in Texas.

Suicide Facts, Texas, 2015

- The overall rate in Texas of 12.46 per 100,000 was comparable to the US rate of 13.28 per 100,000.
- Suicide deaths increased from 2014 by 4.6%.
- The rate of suicide death for males was 3.5 times that of females.
- The rate for White non-Hispanics was over three times the rate of any other race/ethnicity group.
- The use of firearms in Texas for suicide deaths accounted for 58.6% of deaths by suicide. The 7.32 per 100,000 rate was comparable to the national rate of 6.49 per 100,000 for firearms.

Notes and References

*Counts in table category do not add up to total due to records reported with unknown/missing data.

Cases of death by suicide are based on coding from the International Classification of Diseases, Version 10 (ICD-10), including codes X60-X84, Y87.0, and U03.

Rates for suicide deaths are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the United States 2000 standard population.

Data Source: CDC web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS): www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars

Suicide Deaths, 2015	Count	Rate
Total Suicide Deaths	3,403	12.46
Sex		
Male	2,615	19.75
Female	788	5.69
Age Group*		
0-14	26	0.44
15-24	478	11.94
25-44	1,196	15.54
45-64	1,203	18.40
65+	499	15.72
Race/Ethnicity*		
White Non-Hispanic	2,485	19.51
Black Non-Hispanic	190	5.57
Hispanic	623	6.05
Asian/Pacific Islander	81	6.08
Am Indian/AK Native	0	0.00
Method*		
Firearm	1,994	7.32
Suffocation	853	3.12
Poisoning	341	1.24
Fall	51	0.19
Cut/Pierce	51	0.19
Drowning	24	0.09
Fire/Burn	18	0.06

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